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SUBJECT: POLAR PROGRAMS - TRAVEL OF DR. ROBERT H. RUTFORD,
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1. DR. ROBERT H. RUTFORD, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF POLAR PROGRAMS, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, DEPARTS WASHINGTON FOR LENINGRAD JULY 9 TO MEET WITH DR. TRESHNIKOV, DIRECTOR OF ANTARCTIC & ARCTIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS ON POLEX SOUTH, AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON THE STUDY OF THE SOUTH POLAR AIR, ICE AND OCEAN PHENOMENA, JULY 13-17.

2. RUTFORD HAS MOSCOW STOPOVER (ARRIVAL NOON 7/11 AND DEPART 7:38 7/12) AND FEELS IT MAY BE PROFITABLE FOR HIM TO TALK TO DR. TOLSTIKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AND/OR DR. AVSIUK OR DR. KARTASHOV OF THE SOVIET COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH TO DISCUSS U.S. GEOLOGISTS ACCOMPANYING THE 22ND SOVIET ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION THIS COMING AUSTRAL SEASON. COMMERCIAL CABLE DATED JUNE 22
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TO DRS. TOLSTIKOV AND AVSIUK INDICATED DR. RUTFORD WOULD

COME TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS SUCH ARRANGEMENTS IF SUCH A VISIT
WOULD BE HELPFUL. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT TOLSTIKOV AND AVSIUK OR
KARTASHOV TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT JULY 12 AND ATTEMPT TO
ADVISE DEPT. BY COB JULY 9. RUTFORD INSTRUCTED TO
CONTACT EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE MONDAY MORNING.

4. FYI. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED THAT CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS
FOR U.S. GEOLOGISTS TO JOIN SOVIET EXPEDITION IN DOUBT.
RUTFORD WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENT ON 7/12 BUT WOULD
CONSIDER RETURN TO MOSCOW DURING WEEK IF NO OTHER OPTION
AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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